

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing a virtual common reading feature for two or more networked hard disk recorders, said method comprising the steps of:

within a first hard disk recorder:

receiving a request to view content on ~~a~~the first hard disk recorder;

determining if the requested content resides on a second hard disk recorder when
the requested content does not reside on the first hard disk recorder;

decrypting the requested content via a local encryption scheme; and

displaying the requested content on a display device coupled to the first hard disk recorder.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the requested content on a display device coupled to the first hard disk recorder comprises storing the requested content within a memory located within the first hard disk recorder.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the requested content on a display device coupled to the first hard disk recorder comprises remotely

accessing the requested content on the first hard disk recorder.

4. (Original) A method of providing a virtual common writing feature to two or more networked hard disk recorders said method comprising the steps of:

receiving content on a first hard disk recorder from a content source;

decrypting the content;

re-encrypting the content utilizing a local encryption scheme; and

storing the content in a shared memory.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein decrypting the content comprises decrypting the content utilizing decryption keys received from the content source.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein storing the content in a shared memory comprises storing the content in a shared memory located within the first hard disk recorder.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein storing the content in a shared memory comprises storing the content in a shared memory located within a second hard disk recorder.

8-9. (Cancelled)